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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

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PATRICK O'QUINN
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 FOR THE 2015 TRANSITION
AGE YOUTH COLLEGE SUMMIT**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department is seeking approval to fund expenses incurred at the 2015 Transition Age Youth College Summit which will be held on March 5, 2015, at the Downtown Los Angeles DoubleTree Hotel.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to work with the Director of Internal Services to allocate a not-to-exceed purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 for food and related costs for the 2015 Transition Age Youth (TAY) College Summit (Summit).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) to work with the Internal Services Department (ISD) to allocate a not-to-exceed purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 for food and related costs for the Summit. Board approval is required for incidental expenditures in excess of \$5,000 (L.A.C.C.5.40.097).

The Summit will provide resources, networking opportunities and financial support to older youth, which will improve self-sufficiency outcomes and assist them as they move forward into college and

ultimately, higher education. The Summit is part of the State mandated System Improvement Plan (SIP) goals which include increasing permanency and self-sufficiency for transition-aged youth. The Summit is an annual event that was developed by the foster youth, who have formed a TAY Forum/Council, for foster youth. The Summit will feature breakout sessions facilitated by TAY and various professionals and will focus on higher education and continued higher education. Keynote speakers and breakout speakers will address the increasing drop-out rate among TAY, homelessness among TAY, seeking solutions to improve systems and provide information regarding permanency connections, services and programs such as permanency planning, life-long connections, mentoring, life-long promise contracts, and adult adoptions.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1 Operational Effectiveness and Goal #3 Integrated Service Delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total cost of the Summit is \$30,000. Sufficient funding is included in Probation's Placement Bureau budget and no additional net County cost is required. Approximately 58% of the costs will subsequently be claimed against Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The estimated expense of \$30,000 exceeds the \$5,000 threshold for incidental expenses; therefore, the item must be approved by the Board. The Summit is an annual event so that all TAY youth will benefit and have improved outcomes. The Summit is necessary to fulfill the strategies and goals of the State-mandated and Board-approved SIP. The State provides CWSOIP funding with the expectation that the counties will use the funding in order to successfully complete the goals with effective results.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this action will allow Probation to meet the State mandated SIP goals.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerry Powers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JERRY E. POWERS

Chief Probation Officer

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Chief Executive Office
County Counsel